Municipal Immigrant Integration Toolkit

Human and Community
Development Committee *January 14, 2012*



Toolkit Proposal

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, in partnership with the Latino Policy Forum, submitted a proposal for CMAP technical assistance to create a "toolkit" or "how to" guide to help municipalities better integrate immigrants into the civic life of their communities.

Partners and Roles

CMAP. Project management, development, research and analysis.

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. Provide guidance from municipalities and steering committee.

Latino Policy Forum. Technical advisor and assistance with implementation and training.

Background

The toolkit will build off the 2012 Immigrant Integration guidebook created by MMC's Diversity Issues Task Force.

- Overview of Immigrants in Metro Chicago
- Immigrant Integration Survey Results
- Profiles of Municipalities
 - Village of Addison
 - City of Aurora
- Profile of Organizations
 - Arab American Family Services
 - Centro de Información

Steering Committee

To assist in guiding the development of this toolkit, the MMC's Diversity Issues Task Force will serve as the project steering committee.

Members include:

- Addison
- Bartlett
- Berkeley
- Burr Ridge
- City of Crest Hill
- DuPage Mayors and Managers Warrenville Conf.
- Hanover Park
- Hoffman Estates
- Lincolnwood

- Mettawa
- Mount Prospect
- Northwest Municipal Conf.
- Schaumburg
- Villa Park
- West Central Municipal Conf.
- Westmont
- Winfield
- Woodridge

Expert Input

Role: To guide, inform, and enhance the toolkit planning process as well as provide input on key deliverables.

Experts

- Scott Allard, School of Social Services Administration, University of Chicago
- Alicia De La Cruz, Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs
- Carolina Duque, Mano a Mano
- Candace King, The DuPage Federation
- Sylvia Puente, Latino Policy Forum
- Fred Tsao, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- Silvia Villa, Illinois Welcoming Center, Department of Human Services
- Susan Wexler, HIAS Chicago

Approach

Approximate timeline: The proposed scope of work is designed to be completed in approximately 6 months

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Step 1 – Project initiation (January 2013)
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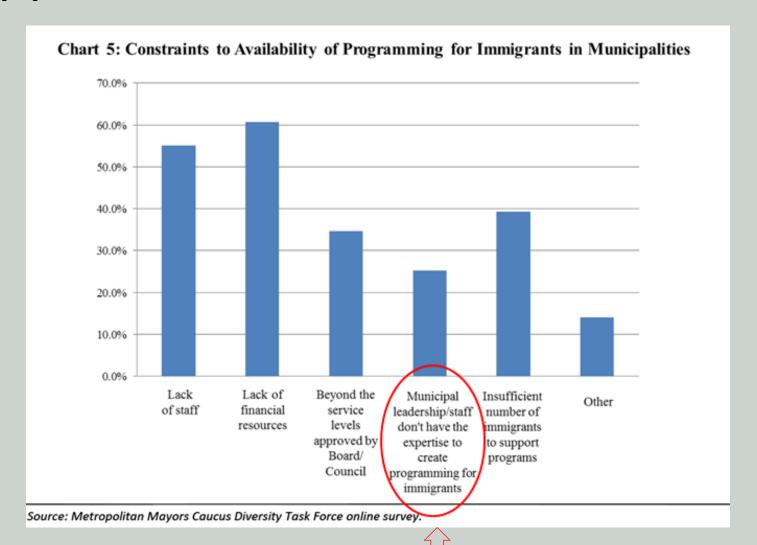
Step 2 – Toolkit outline (February 2013)

Step 3 – Draft toolkit (March and April 2013)

Step 4 – Finalize toolkit (May 2013)

Step 5 – Implementation/training/media (June 2013 +)

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Research will begin by exploring municipal best practices in:

- Interpretation / translation needs;
- Police services/crime prevention programs;
- Welcome packets;
- Cultural education events;
- Diversity commissions.

Draft Outline

The toolkit will likely cover the following elements:

- Introduction: immigration history and immigrant contribution
- Demographics
- Overarching themes
 - Language access and education
 - Cultural competency
 - Government and legal considerations

Draft Outline

Continued:

- Planning areas
 - Land Use and Development
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Natural Resources
 - Economic Development
 - Community Facilities and Human Services
- Worksheets / Resources

Thank you!

Questions?

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